## **CHAPTER NO. 48**

## **SENATE BILL NO. 515**

## By Henry

Substituted for: House Bill No. 777

By Briley

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-24-101(b), relative to writings eligible for registration in the office of the county register.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-24-101(b), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following new subsection:

- (b) The county register may refuse to register any writing eligible for registration in accordance with the provisions of this title, if such writing, in the opinion of such register, is illegible or cannot be legibly recorded or reproduced unless the person seeking to register the writing attaches to it for recording an affidavit stating that such writing is the best available original and sets forth the following facts regarding the writing:
  - (1) the type of document or instrument;
  - (2) the grantor(s) and grantee(s);
  - (3) the date of execution;
  - (4) the name of the person or persons authenticating or acknowledging the signature of the grantor, and their title, if any;
  - (5) a description of the real property, if any, being affected by the writing; and
  - (6) all other information or recitals required by law for the registration of the writing that would otherwise be placed on the writing itself.

If an affidavit in the form and with the information as required by this subsection is attached to the writing, the register shall register the writing notwithstanding that it is illegible or cannot be legibly recorded or reproduced.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 26, 2001

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APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001

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